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REMARKS

Examiner Duc Ho in a telephone call, requested support for the claims amended in response to the first office action.

Applicant's representative does not understand the reason for the request. It is noted, that all independent claims 1, 14, 27, 28 and 29, were amended to include the limitation of the routing including the step of, "examining possible routes closest to the destination node." The amendment corresponds to including in all claims the limitation of objected-to claims 9, 13, 22 and 26, namely "wherein said predetermined node is the destination node." Since the limitation is included in all claims, objected to claims 9, 13, 22 and 26, were canceled.

Support for the amendment of each independent claim is from each respective 'objected-to' dependent claim. The amendment is such that:

the matter in dependent claims 9 and 13 was included in independent claim 1;

the matter in dependent claim 22 and 26 included in independent claim 14;

the same matter was included in independent claim 27, 28 and 29.

All of these have precedence in the original 'objected-to' claims and the specification. Thus there is no new matter

Thus, claims 1, 14, 27, 28 and 29, are allowable as amended over the alleged prior art.

Dependent claims 2-8, 10-12, 15-21, 23-25 stand as originally filed and are allowable as being dependent on an allowable claims. A new listing of the claims is provided as required in the new USPTO amendment practice per 37 CFR 1.121.

It is anticipated that this amendment brings the application to allowance of claims 1-45, and favorable action is respectfully solicited. In the unlikely event that any claim remains rejected, please contact the undersigned by phone in order to discuss the application.

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